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Mr. *ASGILL's*

EXTRACT

Of the Several

Acts of Parliament

For Settling the

Succession of the Crown

IN THE

House of HANNOVER,

For Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and for Attainting and Abjuring the **Pretender**, &c.

Being his APOLOGY for an Omission in his late Defence, publish'd *September* 1712.

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Likewise, APOLOGY for a Declaration in Behalf of the Royal Family.

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THE APOLOGY.

WITHOUT *Offence to the Law, I hope I may tell a piece of an old Story of a* Welſh *Judg. Who being to condemn a Priſoner, convict of a Capital Crime, gave this Sentence upon him:*

Look you! you Priſoner at the Bar!
Your Country have found you guilty.
And the Sentence of the Law is,
That you go from hence to the place from hence you came,
And from thence to the place of Execution:
And ſo I wiſh Mercy to your Soul.

Upon which the Goaler was carrying away the Priſoner.

But a Juſtice of Peace next the Judg, whiſper'd him;

Your Lordſhip hath omitted a material part of the Sentence;

That when he comes to the place of Execution, he is to be hang'd.

And, well remember'd! *said the Judg.*

And on that calls out,

Hark ye, you Goaler! bring that Fellow back again:

Then said, Look you, Friend! you must be hang'd too.

Now since my late Publication, I have met with this Reproof, from some of my Readers:

'Tis true, you have added to your Postscript the special Oath of Abjuration, as a Memorandum against Perjury;

But you have omitted a material Act of Parliament, that makes the same Offence High Treason too.

And well remember'd (said I).

And tho I can't recal my Publication,

I'll send this Three-penny Messenger after it.

Hark ye, you honest Men! that intend to forswear your selves,

I am no Judg, nor have any Commission to pronounce Sentence;

But if you'l consult your Alphabet, you'l find,

That Treason *and the* Triangle *near* Paddington, *both begin with the same Letter.*

You know what I mean: A Word to the Wise!

And (whether you or any one else believe it or no) I did not omit this Intelligence out of my

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ate Publication, with any Intention to find an Occasion for this Apology.

But finding by other of my Readers, that the Oath I did subjoin to that Publication, was a Novelty to them;

I do not know but several things in the Sequel may be so too.

And tho all her Majesty's Subjects are not equal to one another in their own distinct Qualities and Estates;

Yet they being all equally subject to her Majesty and the Laws,

It seems reasonable that all should be equally inform'd what those Laws are.

And Laws bound up together in large Volumes being not every one's reading,

A more brief Communication of them seems no Prejudice to the Publick.

And this I make my Apology for the Sequel.

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An EXTRACT *of Several Acts of Parliament relating to the Settlement of the Crown, the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and the Security of the Protestant Religion, as by Law eſtabliſhed.*

1 W. & M. Seſſio. 2. cap. 2. *An Act for Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, and Settling the Succeſſion of the Crown.*

THE Lords and Commons in Parliament having firſt claim'd, demanded, and inſiſted upon (as the undoubted Rights and Liberties of the Subjects of *England*) ſeveral Articles therein mention'd to have been violated by the late King *James*, by the Aſſiſtance of divers

ivers evil Counſellors, *&c.* in order to ſub-ert and extirpate the Proteſtant Religion, nd the Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom :

The Crown is ſettled upon their then Ma-ſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and he Survivor of them.

Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of ueen *Mary*.

Remainder to her preſent Majeſty (then rinceſs of *Denmark)* and the Heirs of her ody.

Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of ing *William*.

Excluding all Papiſts, or marrying Pa-iſts : And in ſuch caſe the Crown to de-end to the next Proteſtant in the Settle-ent.

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n Act for the frequent Meeting and Sitting of Parliaments. 6 W. & M. cap. 2.

THAT a Parliament ſhall be holden once in three Years at the leaſt.

And none to continue longer than three ears, to be accounted from the Day on hich (by the Writ of Summons) the Par-ment is to meet.

After

After the Death of Queen *Mary*, and
Prince *William* late Duke of *Glouceſter* :

12 & 13 W. 3. Sef. 1. c. 2. *An Act for the further Limitation of t*
Crown, &c.

THE Crown (after the Deceaſe of h
then Majeſty King *William*, and of h
preſent Majeſty, and in default of Iſſue
her Majeſty and of the ſaid King *Willia*
is ſettled upon the Princeſs *Sophia*, Elector
and Dutcheſs Dowager of *Hanover* (Daugh
ter of Princeſs *Elizabeth*, late Queen of *B*
hemia, who was Daughter of King *James* t
Firſt) and the Heirs of her Body being Pr
teſtants.

Provided, That each in that Succeſſio
ſhall join in Communion with the Churc
of *England* as by Law eſtabliſh'd.

And if not a Native of *England*, this Na
tion not to be oblig'd to engage in any Wa
for Defence of any Dominions not belongin
to the Crown of *England*, (without Conſe
of Parliament.)

And that none but Natives (except bor
of *Engliſh* Parents) ſhall then be
Of the Privy-Council,
Or Members of either Houſe,
Or enjoy any Office or Place of Tru
Civil or Military,

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Or have any Grant of Lands or Hereditaments from the Crown.

And Judges Commiſſions to be *Quamdiu bene geſſerint.*

And no Pardon under the Great Seal pleadle to an Impeachment by Commons in Parment.

Act for the Attainder of the Pretended Prince of Wales *of High Treaſon.* 13 & 14 W. 3. c. 3.

WHEREAS the Pretended Prince of *Wales* hath, ſince the Deceaſe of the te King *James*, by the Incitation and Enuragement of the *French* King (being bred and inſtructed to introduce the *Romiſh* perſtition and *French* Government into eſe your Majeſty's Kingdoms) openly and itoroufly, with deſign to dethrone your ajeſty, aſſumed the Name and Title of *mes* the Third, King of *England*, *Scotland*, d *Ireland*, and caus'd himſelf to be ſo proim'd in the Kingdom of *France*, in manit Violation of your Majeſty's moſt Lawful d Rightful Title to the Crown of theſe ealms, and of the ſeveral Acts of Parliaent made, as well for Recognizing of the me, as for Settling the Succeſſion of the rown, contrary to the Duty of his Alleance, and to the diſturbing of the Peace of eſe your Majeſty's Kingdoms: To the end

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therefore that your Majesty's good and lo
People of *England* assembled in Parliam
may, in the most solemn manner, expr
their utmost Resentment of so great an
dignity done to your Majesty's most Sac
Person and Government; and that the
Traitor may be brought the more certai
and speedily to condign Punishment: Ma
please your Majesty that it may be enac
and be it enacted by the King's most Excell
Majesty, by and with the Advice and Cons
of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, a
Commons in this present Parliament asse
bled, and by the Authority of the sa
That the said pretended Prince of *W*
stand and be convicted and attainted of H
Treason, and that he suffer Pains of Dea
and incur all Forfeitures as a Traitor c
victed and attainted of High Treason.

II. And for preventing traitorous Cor
spondence between your Majesty's Subje
and the said pretended Prince of *Wales*, or
Adherents, be it further enacted by the
thority aforesaid, That if any of the S
jects of the Crown of *England*, from a
after the first Day of *March*, one thous
seven hundred and one, shall, within t
Realm or without, hold, entertain, or k
any Intelligence or Correspondence in Per
or by Letters, Messages, or otherwise, w
the said pretended Prince of *Wales*, or w
any Person or Persons employ'd by h
know

owing such Person to be so employ'd; or
ll by Bill of Exchange, or otherwise, re-
t or pay any Sum or Sums of Mony for
Use or Service of the said pretended
nce of *Wales*, knowing such Mony to be
such Use or Service; such Person so of-
ding, being lawfully convicted, shall be
en, deem'd, and adjudg'd to be guilty of
gh Treason, and shall suffer and forfeit as
Cases of High Treason.

III. And be it further enacted, That where
y of the Offences against this Act shall be
mmitted out of this Realm, the same may
alledg'd and laid, enquir'd of, and try'd,
any County of this Kingdom of *England*.

An Act for further Security of his Majesty's Person and the Succession of the Crown, &c. 13 & 14 W. 3. c. 6.

Nacts the Oath of Abjuration; and to
maintain the Crown according to the
o Acts of Settlement, &c. makes it High
reason to endeavour to deprive her present
lajesty (then Princess of *Denmark*) from
r then Succession to the Crown.

1 Anne, cap 22. *in the Sessions contin'd from the King's Death.*

An Act to declare the Alteration in the Oath Abjuration, &c.

WHEREBY the Form of that Oath alter'd, by inserting her Majesty stead of his late Majesty ; *viz.*

I *A.B.* do truly and sincerely acknowle profess, testify, and declare in my C science, before God and the World, T our Sovereign Lady Queen *ANNE* is La ful and Rightful Queen of this Realm, a of all other her Majesty's Dominions a Countries thereunto belonging. And I solemnly and sincerely declare, That I believe in my Conscience, that the Per pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during Life of the late King *James* and since Decease pretending to be, and taking u himself the Stile and Title of King of *E land*, by the Name of *James* the Third, h not any Right or Title whatsoever to Crown of this Realm, or any other the D minions thereto belonging: And I do nounce, refuse and abjure any Allegianc Obedience to him. And I do swear, T I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to Majesty Queen *ANNE*, and Her will fend to the utmost of my power, againf traitorous Conspiracies and Attempts w foe

oever, which ſhall be made againſt her Per-on, Crown, or Dignity. And I will do ny beſt Endeavour to diſcloſe and make known to her Majeſty, and her Succeſſors, all Treaſons and Traitorous Conſpiracies, which I ſhall know to be againſt Her, or any of them. And I do faithfully promiſe, to the utmoſt of my power, to ſupport, maintain, and defend the Limitation and Succeſſion of the Crown againſt him the ſaid *James*, and all other Perſons whatſoever, as the ſame is and ſtands limited by an Act, intitled, *An Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and ſettling the Succeſſion of the Crown*, to her preſent Majeſty, and the Heirs of her Body, being Proteſtants: And as the ſame, by one other Act, intitled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better ſecuring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*, is and ſtands limited after the Deceaſe of her Majeſty, and for Default of Iſſue of her Majeſty, to the Princeſs *Sophia*, Electreſs and Dutcheſs Dowager of *Hannover*, and the Heirs of her Body being Proteſtants. And all theſe things I do plainly and ſincerely acknowledg and ſwear, according to theſe expreſs Words by me ſpoken, and according to the plain and common Senſe and Underſtanding of the ſame Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evaſion, or ſecret Reſervation whatſoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment,

ledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promiſe, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Faith of a Chriſtian.

So help me God.

This is the Oath added to the Poſtſcript to the Defence, *but is here inſerted again in its proper place.*

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1 Anne, cap. 17. *The firſt Parliament ſummon'd by her Majeſty.*

An Act for enlarging the Time for taking the Oaths, &c.

Sect. 3. 'THIS made High Treaſon, by any Overt Act, to attempt to deprive or hinder the next in Succeſſion to the Crown, according to the two Acts of Settlement.

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4 Anne, cap. 4.

An Act naturalizing the Princeſs Sophia *and the Iſſue of her Body*, Excluſive of Papiſts.

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4 Anne, cap. 8.

An Act for the better Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown in the Proteſtant Line.

'THIS made High Treaſon to affirm by Writing or Print, That her Majeſty is not Rightful Queen; or that the pretended Prince

rince of *Wales*, or any other Perſon, have ight, other than according to the two Acts f Settlement.

And Premunire to affirm the ſame, by reaching, Teaching, or adviſedly Speaking.

And in caſe of her Majeſty's Demiſe,

The Parliament then in being,

The Privy-Council,

Lord Chancellor or Keeper,

Lord Treaſurer,

Lord Preſident of the Council,

Lord Privy-Seal,

Lord High Admiaal,

And all Great Officers of the Queen's Houſhold,

And all Officers Civil and Military.

Are to continue ſix Months, unleſs ſooner lter'd by the Succeſſor.

And the Privy-Council with all convenient peed to proclaim the next Proteſtant Succeſſor (according to the ſaid Acts of Settlement) on pain of High Treaſon.

And all Officers refuſing their Commands herein made guilty of High Treaſon.

And if ſuch next Succeſſor be then out of he Realm,

1. The ArchBp of *Canterbury*,
2. Lord Chancellor or Keeper,
3. Lord Treaſurer,
4. Lord Preſident of the Council,
5. Lord Privy-Seal,
6. Lord High Admiral,

} for the time being,

And

And 7. Lord Chief Juſtice of the Queen's Bench for the time being,

Shall be Lords Juſtices in the name of the Succeſſor, to execute all Acts of Government.

And that the next Succeſſor (at any time during her preſent Majeſty's Life) by three Inſtruments under Hand and Seal, may appoint other Perſons (being natural-born Subjects of *England*) to be added to the other ſeven Lords Juſtices, of which the Majority (not leſs than five) may act.

Of which three Inſtruments,

The Succeſſor's Reſident ſhall have one.

The Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* one.

Lord Chancellor or Keeper one.

And in caſe of her Majeſty's Death without Iſſue,

To be open'd in Privy-Council.

If no ſuch Nomination, then the other ſeven Lords Juſtices to act:

But not to diſſolve the Parliament without direction of the Succeſſor:

Nor to aſſent to any Bill for altering the Act 13 & 14 *Car.* 2. for Uniformity of Common-Prayer, *&c.* on pain of High Treſon.

A Previous Act to the Act of Union, for Securing the Church of England *as by Law eſtabliſhed.* 5 Anne, cap. 5.

ENacts, That the Act 13 *Eliz.* for the Miniſters of the Church to be of ſound Religion;

And the Act 13 *Car.* 2. for Uniformity of Common-Prayer, *&c.* (other than the Clauſes repealed)

Shall remain in full force:

And that this Act ſhall be a fundamental part of the Union, and be expreſs'd in the Act of Union.

The Act of Union. 5 Anne, cap. 8.

ENacts, according to the ſecond Article, That the Succeſſion to the Monarchy of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain*,

(After her Majeſty, and in default of her Royal Iſſue)

Be and remain to the Princeſs *Sophia*, and the Heirs of her Body being Proteſtants:

Excluſive of Papiſts, or Perſons marrying Papiſts, according to the former Acts of Settlement of the Crown of *England*.

And confirms *(in hæc verba)* the previous Act for ſecuring the Church of *England*.

With a previous Act *(in hæc verba)* for securing the Proteſtant Religion and Presbyterian Church-Government in *Scotland.*

And according to the 25th Article, all Laws or Statutes in either Kingdom, inconſiſtent with the Articles of Union, are declar'd void.

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6 Anne, cap. 7. *An Act for Security of her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Succeſſion of the Crown of* Great Britain *in the Proteſtant Line.*

ENacts the ſame Clauſes of Treaſon and Premunire, and the ſame Oath of Abjuration, in relation to the United Crown of *Great Britain*, as is before (4 *Anne)* for the Crown of *England.*

And that the Act *6 W.* & *M.* for frequent Parliaments in *England*, ſhall extend to *Great Britain.*

And that any Nomination of additional Lords Juſtices, already made by the next Succeſſor, ſhall hold good for *Great Britain.*

An Act for better Security of her Majesty's Person and Government, &c. 6 Anne, cap. 14.

ENacts the taking the Oath of Abjuration by Officers in *Scotland*, as was before in *England*.

And two Justices there may summon any Person, and tender the Oath:

And Refusers adjudg'd Popish Recusants convict.

Act for further Provision for the Election of the sixteen Peers in Scotland. 6 Anne, cap. 23.

ALL the Peers (Electors) are to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy,

And subscribe the Declaration,

And take the Abjuration-Oath.

And no Person at any Election for Members of the House of Commons for *England*, or *Scotland*, refusing to take the Abjuration-Oath (which may be tender'd by the Sheriff or chief Person taking the Poll) to be admitted to vote. Sect. 13.

NOW tho I understand that some People are pleas'd to be so very angry with my late Publication, as to wish me dead for it, (more ways than one;)

Yet I am not so angry with them.

For that (in truth) it is those Laws themselves (which I have here extracted) that these angry Men wish dead, (tho not exclusive of me as I verily believe them.)

Here's a fine Bundle of Revolution-Craft indeed! (say they.)

Not so much as a Chance or a Loop-hole left for a Popish Successor to shew his Parts here (tho he should be of the Right Line;)

Or tho we should ever so much long for him;

And should be so big with Expectations of him, that we should miscarry for want of him.

But (Thanks to our Stars) these Laws (for all these Men) are alive and in good health:

I saw 'em all but yesterday.

And that my single Evidence may not be taken,

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ſend out this ſecond Appearance of them,
l to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come.
Ind tho I have heard old People tell Stories
cond Apparitions that uſe to fright Folks,
Don't be afraid of 'em, Readers:
Thoſe Laws will bite no body but thoſe that
naughty Tricks, in telling Lyes and for-
ring themſelves.
Ind even for thoſe Malecontents that don't
'em, they have a proper Remedy againſt
, (if they pleaſe to take it:)
or which I can quote them a Caſe in point.
l very fat Gentleman (who was adviſ'd by
Phyſicians that his Health depended much
Sleep) lodging near a Watch-houſe, from
ce he was frequently diſturb'd with noctur-
Commotions *(anglice* Noiſes in the
ht, *for I intend this Three-penny Cut for*
ommon People) gave a Lawyer three Gui-
for his Advice;
Whether he could not oblige the Conſtable to
ve his Watch.
he Lawyer told him, That was a Point not
ſettled in the Law-Books:
But this the Lawyer was clear in,
That his Client might move his Lodging.
Now 'tis very probable, that theſe Acts of
liament for ſettling and ſecuring the Crown
the Proteſtant Line of the Royal Family,
diſturb ſome Perſons, who are adviſ'd by
r own Conſciences, that their chief Depen-
ies are upon a Popiſh Succeſſor.

But

But what of all that?

Muſt the Laws and Rights of the Cr
and the Security of the Proteſtant Religion,
the Subjects under it, be ſacrific'd to the
mours of a few Men, who would have it

And ſo (forſooth) becauſe ſome Peop
our Pariſh don't care to eat Fleſh in Lent
the reſt of their Neighbours muſt, in compli
to them, throw their Beef and Mutton t
Dogs:

And becauſe there are ſome infected Inv
in an Army, all the reſt muſt quit the Cam

No! no! there's a ſhorter Cut for a
than this!

They that are diſcontented with the La
their Country, may depart in contempt o
Courts that made 'em:

There's room enough upon the Continent

And the ſame contrary Winds that h
them from bringing their Mahomet *hither,*
waft them over to him.

And ſo theſe infected angry Men may
bark for Removal of their Lodgings as ſo
they pleaſe.

And for thoſe that are in health and
humour, 'tis better for them to be jogge
of their Sleep now and then with a little
than to be caught napping in a Lethargy.

But methinks they begin to trim a littl
compound their Projection.

Do but try our Man (ſay they) upo
Eſſay;

See for Love, and buy for Mony.
Not altogether unlike a Fellow about Town
Years ago, that pretended to teach all
d-Muſick upon a Tobacco-Pipe, for two
neas a-piece: And if any of his Scholars
not like the Trick when they ſaw it, they
ld have one of their Guineas again.
ut for my own part, I have but little
ny, and can't ſpare half of it, to ſee a Trick
I know already.
And they that are fond of that Speculation,
(for Sixpence) ſee The Character of a
piſh Succeſſor, lately publiſh'd, without be-
at the expence of trying the Experiment.
But I ſhall raiſe more Choler by this way
Writing.
For Writing and Reading are in themſelves
mendable things.
But 'tis the way of Writing at which the
nce is taken.
And this is the Misfortune of an Author,
That unleſs ſome are angry with him, none
pleas'd.
Which puts him under this Dilemma,
That he muſt either ruin himſelf, or his
inter.
But to prevent either (as far as I can) I
uld rather turn Trimmer, and compound too.
And to end all Quarrels with my Readers,
they pleaſe to accept the Propoſal)

(And

(And to ſhew withal that I am no Dogmatical Author)
I now ſay to them all (in Print) what once did to one of them (by Word of Mouth.
Whoever meets with any thing in what I publiſh, which they don't like,

Let 'em ſtrike it out.

But to take off part of the Odium *from me*
They ſay others write like me,
In ſhort Paragraphs:
(An eaſy part of a Mimick)
But with all my heart!
I don't care who writes like me,
So I don't write like them.